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COMMUNICATION

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This Communication accompanies an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) being filed after a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on April 20, 2010 and the subsequent issuance of a Notice of Allowance (NOA) mailed on April 29, 2010. The facts of regarding the submission of this Communication and the IDS are as follows.

After receiving a Final Office Action for this application dated January 20, 2010, the undersigned contacted the Examiner to schedule a telephone interview to discuss strategies for advancing prosecution of this application. During a telephonic interview on April 19, 2010, the Examiner and undersigned discussed and agreed upon claim amendments that would put the application in a condition for allowance. Since the application had received a Final Office Action, it was decided that Applicant would file an RCE in order to submit the agreed upon claim amendments.

During the telephonic interview the undersigned informed the Examiner that an IDS would also be filed for the application with or soon after filing the RCE. The Examiner indicated that such a submission would be acceptable and that he would review the references in the IDS in due course once the RCE was filed.

The RCE along with an Amendment was subsequently filed on April 20, 2010. Due to the scope of the IDS, it was not completed in time to be submitted concurrently with the filing of the Amendment and the RCE on April 20, 2010. A Notice of Allowance (NOA) was mailed on April 29, 2010. The extremely quick mailing of the NOA was not anticipated by the Applicants and despite best efforts to complete and file the IDS in a timely manner, the IDS was not filed prior to mailing of the Notice of Allowance.

Upon receiving the NOA, the undersigned Applicants' representative immediately contacted the Examiner by telephone to discuss matters related to the IDS. During the conversation, the Examiner advised the undersigned to submit the IDS. The Examiner indicated that he would review the 300+ references cited in the IDS in spite of the fact that the IDS was being filed after receiving a Notice of Allowance and without any certification statement under 37 CFR 1.97.

The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for his flexibility in this matter and would also like to offer any assistance the Examiner might require in reviewing the cited references.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-273-4772.

Respectfully submitted,

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